

House Resolution No. 3702

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations that are dedicated to improving quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their endeavors in the field of mental health care; and

Whereas, Family Bridges of Willard, Missouri, was founded in 2005 to diagnose and treat children and adolescents with emotional, behavioral, and social challenges; and

Whereas, the staff and clients of Family Bridges will gather together on July 25, 2008, to celebrate the Third Anniversary of the establishment of their organization; and

Whereas, nearly twenty-one percent of children and adolescents between the ages of nine and seventeen in the United States have a mental health disorder, of whom nearly eleven percent suffer from a major mental illness that results in significantly impaired behavior at home, at school, and among peers and nearly five percent have extreme functional impairment with their illness; and

Whereas, Family Bridges supports programs that stress the importance of children, adolescents, their families, and the greater community learning the warning signs of mental health disorders and where to obtain necessary assistance, treatment, resources, and encouragement; and

Whereas, in order to derive a full and accurate diagnosis of a child, Family Bridges gathers information from family, school, and other sources involved with the child; and

Whereas, early diagnosis and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide better opportunities to lead full and productive lives, and the participation of family members in the assessment and treatment of children and adolescents is integral to positive clinical outcomes; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri mental health organizations as Family Bridges at momentous times in their histories:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Family Bridges and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Third Anniversary of the establishment of their mental health services organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Family Bridges of Willard, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Shane Schoeller
District No. 139

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3702, adopted July 24, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker